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Mona Acurti
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Dear Commissioner Acurti:

Pursuant to your letter of December 3, 2003, attached please find a current copy of the Rules of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania. As Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania, I do hereby certify that this is a true copy of our Rules.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above listed number.

Sincerely,

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Alan Novak
Chairman

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**RULES OF THE
REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

REVISED AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 1994

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REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE OF PENNSYLVANIA

ORGANIZATION OF THE PARTY

Rule 1.1: The Republican Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall consist of the following bodies:

- a) Republican State Committee;
- b) Leadership Committee of the Republican State Committee;
- c) Republican State Finance Committee;
- d) Republican County Committees and such subordinate committees of the Republican County Committees as the rules of the County Committee shall provide;
- e) Such Committees as may from time to time be recognized by the State Chairman;
- f) The six (6) Regional Republican Caucii; and
- g) All registered Republicans in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Rule 2.1: Purpose

The Republican State Committee shall be responsible for the general supervision, regulation and direction of the Republican Party of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Rule 2.2: Qualifications for State Committee Membership

Any registered Republican voter in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may serve as a member of State Committee.

Rule 2.3: Membership

- a) The Republican County Chairman of each county shall serve as a member of the State Committee.
- b) One member of the State Committee shall be elected from each county for up to the first 7,500 registered Republican voters; and one additional member shall be elected from each county for every 15,000 registered Republican voters, or a major fraction thereof, in excess of a base of 7,500 registered Republican voters. In addition to the foregoing, one additional member of the State Committee shall be elected from each county for every 50,000 registered Republican voters. The members elected pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall be in addition to the membership of the County Chairman as provided in paragraph (a) of this Rule 2.3.
- c) Counties entitled under this rule to 2 or more elected members shall elect an equal number of male and female members except where a county is entitled to an odd number of elected members in which event the odd numbered elected member may be of either sex.
- d) The members of the State Committee from each county shall be elected at large at the Spring Primary Election in even numbered years, by the registered Republican voters in the county, unless the County Committee, by its rules, provides for the election of said members by districts, in which event the members shall be elected at the Spring Primary Election in even numbered years by districts by the registered Republican voters in the respected districts.

- e) The Republican registration in the Fall election of the immediately preceding even numbered year shall be used to determine the number of members of State Committee to which each county is entitled.

Rule 2.4: Term of Office

The elected members of State Committee shall serve for two year terms which shall commence at the time of their election at the spring Primary and shall run until the next Spring Primary in an even numbered year.

Rule 2.5: Organizational Meeting

The members of State Committee shall meet not later than the sixth Wednesday immediately following the Spring Primary in even numbered years at such hour and place as shall be designated by the State Chairman and such meetings shall be referred to in these rules as the "Organizational Meeting". The State Chairman shall appoint a Credentials Committee consisting of three members which shall resolve any challenges to members of State Committee seeking to participate and vote at the Organizational Meeting.

Rule 2.6: Additional Meetings

- a) State Committee shall meet subsequent to the Organizational Meeting at such times as it shall direct in accordance with these rules and at the call of the State Chairman. In no event shall State Committee meet less often than twice a year.
- b) The State Chairman shall call a special meeting of State Committee at the written request of one-fifth of the members of State Committee which request and call shall state the business of such meeting. No business other than that specified in such request and call shall be transacted or considered at such meeting.
- c) In case of the neglect or refusal of the State Committee to call a special meeting of State Committee within ten (10) days after being requested to do so in the manner provided in subparagraph (b) of this rule, any member of State Committee requesting the meeting may issue the call for a special meeting and shall give notice thereof in the manner specified.

Rule 2.7: Notice of Meetings

Written notice of all meetings of State Committee shall be given by the Secretary by depositing written notice of the meeting in the mail, properly addressed, and postage paid, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting. This notification shall be accompanied by an agenda and a summary of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Rule 2.8: Business at the Organizational Meeting

At the Organizational Meeting the State Committee shall:

- a) Elect a State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
- b) Select in accordance with Rule 7.1 a National Committeeman and National Committeewoman in years in which President is to be elected; and
- c) Transact such other business as shall properly be brought before the meeting in accordance with these rules.

Rule 2.9: Procedure at State Committee Meetings

The order of business at meetings of the State Committee shall be as follows:

- a) Call to order
- b) Roll Call of Members
- c) Reading, Correcting, and Approving minutes of the previous meeting
- d) Financial Matters
- e) Leadership Committee Report
- f) Report from National Committee
- g) Other Committee Reports
- h) Campaign Reports/Candidates
- i) Reports of Auxiliaries
- j) Old Business
- k) New Business
- l) Remarks by Elected Officials and other Guests
- m) General Discussion
- n) Adjournment

Rule 2.10: Quorum for State Committee Meetings

A majority of the members of State Committee, or their proxies, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all State Committee meetings. Once a quorum has been declared present for any meeting, business may continue to be transacted even though a majority of the members, or their proxies, are not present provided that at least one-third of the members of State Committee, or their proxies, are present.

Rule 2.11: Method of Voting at State Committee Meetings

All votes of State Committee shall be by voice vote unless a roll call is demanded by not less than five (5) members. When a roll call is demanded, the names of the members of State Committee shall be called by county in alphabetical order.

Rule 2.12: Presiding Officer at State Committee Meetings

The State Chairman shall preside at all meetings of State Committee. In his absence, the Vice Chairman shall preside and in the absence of the Vice Chairman, the members of State Committee shall elect one of their members to preside.

Rule 2.13: Proxies

All persons entitled to vote at meetings of State Committee shall have the right to substitute, by proxy, any registered Republican voter from his county. Such proxies shall be in writing, signed by the person appointing the proxy, and witnessed. No person may act as proxy for more than two other persons and all proxies shall conform to this rule.

Rule 2.14: Vacancies on State Committee

In the event a vacancy shall occur with respect to the seat of any member of the State Committee, the County Committee of the county from which the member should have been elected, or was elected, shall fill the vacant seat, unless otherwise provided for in the county rules, and certify to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Republican Party the name of the person so elected or otherwise selected.

Rule 2.15: State Committee Headquarters

The State Committee shall maintain a permanent headquarters at all times for the conduct of its affairs and convenience of its members. The maintenance of the same shall be paid for out of the Treasury of State Committee.

Rule 2.16: Parliamentary Authority

Robert's Rules of Order (Current Revised Edition) shall be the parliamentary authority on all questions not otherwise covered by these rules.

OFFICERS

Rule 3.1: Officers

The Officers of State Committee shall be the State Chairman, Vice Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be of the opposite sex.

Rule 3.2: Eligibility of Office

Any registered Republican voter in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be eligible to be elected and serve as an officer of State Committee and said officers need not be elected members of the State Committee.

Rule 3.3: Election

The Officers of State Committee other than Deputy Chairman and Assistant Treasurer, shall be elected by State Committee at the Organizational Meeting.

Rule 3.4: Term of Office

The Officers of State Committee other than Deputy Chairman and Assistant Treasurer, shall serve for two years commencing on the day of their election and continuing until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Rule 3.5: Compensation

The compensation to be paid to the Officers of the State Committee shall be fixed by the Leadership Committee of the Republican State Committee in accordance with Rule 5.2.

Rule 3.6: Vacancies

- a) In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of State Chairman the Vice Chairman shall become Acting State Chairman and shall, within ten (10) days of said vacancy, give notice of a meeting of State Committee in accordance with Rule 2.7, which meeting shall be scheduled no later than forty-five (45) days following the vacancy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the vacancy shall occur within ninety (90) days prior to the Organizational Meeting, no special

meeting shall be called and the Vice Chairman shall continue as Acting State Chairman until the election of a new State Chairman.

- b) In the event of a vacancy in any elected office of State Committee other than State Chairman, the State Chairman shall, within thirty (30) days of said vacancy, appoint an acting officer to serve until the next State Committee Meeting at which time the office will be filled by action of the State Committee.
- c) In the event vacancies should occur in the offices of both State Chairman and Vice Chairman, and no meeting shall have been called to elect a new State Chairman, any five members of State Committee may issue a call for a special meeting of State Committee at any time or place for the purpose of electing a new State Chairman and Vice Chairman, provided that at least fourteen (14) days written notice of all such special meeting shall be given to all members of State Committee in the manner provided for in Rule 2.7. A State Chairman and Vice Chairman elected under this rule shall serve for the unexpired term of the officers whose vacancies are being filled.

Rule 3.7: Duties of State Chairman

- a) The State Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Republican Party in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and as such shall put into operation these rules and all resolutions and mandates of the various committees of the Republican Party.
- b) The State Chairman shall, (1) appoint a Leadership Committee pursuant to Rule 4.1; (2) appoint a Finance Chairman; (3) appoint a Deputy Chairman; (4) appoint such other committees as are provided for by these rules, and (5) cause a fidelity bond to be issued bonding all of the officers and employees of State Committee.
- c) In case of any vacancies occurring in any committee where the State Chairman has the power of appointment, he shall fill the same by appointment within thirty (30) days of the vacancy.
- d) The State Chairman shall appoint such committees as may be deemed necessary and appropriate for the conduct of the affairs of the Republican Party and shall recognize six (6) Regional Republican Caucuses.
- e) The State Chairman shall be entitled to vote on all matters coming before State Committee.

Rule 3.8: Duties of Vice Chairman

The Vice Chairman shall assist the State Chairman as the State Chairman shall designate, and carry out the duties of the office of State Chairman in the event of a vacancy in that office in accordance with Rule 3.6 until the office of State Chairman has been filled. The Vice Chairman shall be entitled to a vote on all matters coming before State Committee.

Rule 3.9: Qualifications and Duties of Deputy Chairman

The Deputy Chairman, who shall be a registered Republican from a recognized minority group, shall be appointed by the State Chairman with the approval of the Leadership Committee of State Committee. The Deputy Chairman shall represent the interests of minority groups in the affairs of State Committee and promote interest and support among minorities in the Republican Party.

Rule 3.10: Duties of Treasurer

The Treasurer of State Committee shall be custodian of all funds belonging to State Committee and shall pay the same out only under the direction of the State Chairman, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 5. He shall keep an account of all funds received and paid out with the date of such receipts and payments, from whom received, to whom paid, and for what purpose, which account shall at all times be accessible to the State Chairman. In addition, those records will be made available upon

request, to any member of the Republican State Committee. The Treasurer shall establish a system for controlling the expenditures of the funds of State Committee so as to insure that all expenditures are provided for in the budget. The Treasurer shall file with the appropriate authorities all statements and reports required by both State and Federal law. At the end of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor all funds, books and other papers of State Committee in his possession.

Rule 3.11: Duties of the Assistant Treasurer

The Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed by the State Chairman with the approval of the Leadership Committee and shall assist the Treasurer.

Rule 3.12: Duties of Secretary

The Secretary of State Committee shall attend the meetings of State Committee and insure that minutes of the proceedings are recorded.

Rule 3.13: Duties of Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary of the State Committee shall be under the direct supervision of the Vice Chairman, and at all times be subject to the orders of the Vice Chairman.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rule 4.1: Composition of the Leadership Committee

The Leadership Committee shall consist of the following persons: The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Finance Chairman, National Committeeman and National Committeewoman. In addition to the foregoing, the following Republican individuals or their designees shall serve as members of the Leadership Committee: The Governor, Lt. Governor, United State Senators, Dean of the Republican Delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, Attorney General, Auditor General, State Treasurer, Republican Leader in the State Senate, Republican Leader in the State House of Representatives, President of the Council of Republican Women, State Chairman of the Young Republicans, Chairman of the Black Republican Council, President of the Pennsylvania Heritage Council and one authorized representative from each of the six (6) Regional Caucuses. In addition, the State Chairman shall appoint six (6) members of State Committee and not more than eight (8) other members. At no time shall the membership of the Leadership Committee exceed forty (40) persons.

Rule 4.2: Duties

The Leadership Committee shall act at all times in an advisory capacity to the State Committee and the State Chairman.

Rule 4.3: Meetings

The Leadership Committee shall meet at least once every three months and at such other times upon the call of the State Chairman.

Rule 4.4: Reports

All actions of the Leadership Committee shall be reported to the State Committee at its next meeting. The State Committee shall, by majority vote of those present or represented by proxy, accept or reject this report or any portions thereof. No action of the Leadership Committee shall be implemented unless it has been accepted by the vote of the State Committee. This Rule shall not apply to vacancies on the ticket for statewide offices being filled under Rule 9.1.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rule 5.1: Composition of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall be composed of not less than twenty-five (25) members appointed by the Finance Chairman with the consent of the State Chairman. The members of the Republican National Finance Committee from the State of Pennsylvania shall be members of the Finance Committee and shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before it.

Rule 5.2: Duties of the Finance Committee

The Republican State Committee Chairman shall prepare the annual budget by January 1 of each year and shall submit this annual budget to the Republican State Finance Committee which shall approve or modify said budget. Said budget, as approved or modified by the Finance Committee, shall then be presented to the membership of the Republican State Committee for its approval at the first State Committee Meeting after the start of the calendar year. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to raise the necessary funds to meet the budget.

Rule 5.3: Budget Committee

The State Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman, and one other person who shall be appointed by the State Chairman shall constitute a Budget Committee to oversee the budget as approved by the Finance and State Committees. The State Chairman, or his designee, shall prepare and submit to the Budget Committee monthly a statement of income and expenditures to permit the Budget Committee to assure itself that there are no unauthorized expenditures or commitments.

Rule 5.4: Prohibition against expenditures not provided for in the approved budget

No obligations or expenditures shall be made which are not provided for in the approved budget except upon approval by the Budget Committee. The aggregate total of such approvals shall not exceed ten (10) per cent of the annual budget.

Rule 5.5: Prohibition against borrowing funds or incurring debts

No officer of the Republican State Committee or the Republican State Finance Committee shall incur debt on behalf of either Committee without the prior approval of the membership of the Republican State Committee and the Republican State Finance Committee; provided, however, that the Budget Committee shall be entitled to approve borrowing not in excess of \$50,000 in any calendar year, and provided that the Budget Committee transmit in writing to the membership of the Republican State Committee and the Republican State Finance Committee the purpose for which the debt was incurred, and reasonable assurance that income will be received within six (6) months from date of obligation to repay

the debt. It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to raise the necessary funds to repay the debt. Debt as defined in this Rule 5.5 shall not include budgeted cash flow unbalances of 90 days or less.

COUNTY COMMITTEES

Rule 6.1: Local Rules

Each County Republican Committee shall make rules, not inconsistent with these rules, to govern the operation of the Republican Party within their respective counties. County Committees shall file copies of their rules with the Secretary of the State Committee and shall supply the names and addresses of members of their Committees.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rule 7.1: Election

At the Organizational Meeting of State Committee in years in which a President of the United States is to be elected, State Committee shall select one male and one female to represent the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Republican National Committee and shall instruct the State's delegation to the next succeeding Republican National Convention of the names of its selectees. The State's delegation to the Republican National Convention, through its chairman, shall nominate the selectees made by State Committee who, after election by the Republican National Convention, shall serve as members of the National Committee until the meeting of the National Committee elected by the succeeding national convention. Except as herein limited, any registered Republican voter of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be eligible for election to said office.

Rule 7.2: Vacancies

Any vacancy caused by death, resignation or otherwise in the offices of National Committee members from Pennsylvania shall be filled by the State Chairman with the advice of the Leadership Committee.

Rule 7.3: Committee Membership

The members of the National Committee from Pennsylvania shall be members of State Committee, the Leadership Committee of State Committee and the Finance Committee and shall have the right to vote on all matters coming before these Committees.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Rule 8.1: Time and Method of Election

At the spring Primary in years which a President of the United States is to be elected there shall be elected by the registered Republican voters of each Congressional District in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates to the Republican National Convention plus such

additional delegates and alternates as may be awarded for election in the Congressional District under Rule 8.2.

Rule 8.2: Additional District Delegates

From the total number of delegates and alternates apportioned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the Rules of the Republican National Convention a calculation shall be made by first deducting three delegates and three alternates for such Congressional District from the total number apportioned and then one-third of the remainder shall be determined. If one-third of the remainder is a number containing a fraction, the fraction shall be ignored and the whole number used. The number of delegates and alternates determined in this matter shall be awarded as additional delegates and alternates to be elected in those Congressional Districts qualifying for an additional delegate and alternate in the following manner:

- a) Each Congressional District shall be ranked numerically in each of the following categories: (1) gross vote for the Republican candidate in the immediately preceding election of President; (2) gross vote for the Republican candidate in the immediately preceding election for Governor; (3) gross vote for the Republican candidate in the immediately preceding election for Congressman; and (4) the per cent relationship of the gross vote for the Republican candidate for President in the immediately preceding election to the Republican registration in the Congressional District.
- b) The numerical rankings of each Congressional District in each of the foregoing categories shall be combined and the Congressional Districts then ranked numerically on a composite basis.
- c) The numbers of delegates and alternates available to be awarded as additional delegates and alternates as determined under this rule shall then be awarded, one delegate and one alternate per district, to the districts in accordance with their composite numerical ranking, beginning with the district having the lowest composite number, until the total number of additional delegates and alternates available have been awarded.

Rule 8.3: Delegates Elected by State Committee

The remaining two-thirds of the delegates and alternates apportioned to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are not elected by the Congressional Districts shall be elected by State Committee at a meeting called for that purpose by the State Chairman.

Rule 8.4: Delegates and Alternates to Run at Large and Uncommitted

The delegates and alternates elected within the Congressional Districts shall run at large within the Districts and shall not be officially committed to any particular candidate on the ballot.

CAUCUSES

Rule 9.1: Regional Republican Caucuses

Each member of State Committee shall be a member of a regional Republican Caucus based on the county from which the member was elected. The members from any particular county shall belong to only one regional caucus. Six (6) regional Republican caucuses shall be established based upon geographical location and each caucus shall provide the State Chairman with the names of the counties which are members of the caucus as well as any changes in the membership. Each caucus may adopt bylaws, not inconsistent with these bylaws, governing the affairs of the caucus.

VACANCIES

Rule 10.1: Vacancies on Ticket for State-wide Offices

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket after the spring Primary for any office to be voted for by the electors of the state at large, the vacancy shall be filled by State Committee which shall have full authority to make and certify said nomination, provided that in the event a vacancy occurring less than three weeks before the last day to file a substitute nomination, the Leadership Committee shall have full authority to make and certify nomination.

Rule 10.2: Vacancies on Ticket for Offices to be Elected by More Than One County But Less Than State-wide

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket in any congressional, senatorial, legislative or judicial district composed of more than one county, but less than State-wide, the vacancy shall be filled by conferees, selected by the County Committees of the representative counties, or their duly accredited representative, representing the district in which said vacancy occurs, and each county in the district shall be entitled to at least one conferee. In counties containing more than one thousand votes for the nominee of the Republican Party for President at the last preceding Presidential election an additional conferee shall be chosen for each additional thousand votes. The meeting of the conferees shall be held at such time and place as shall be fixed by the State Chairman and shall be presided over by the State Chairman or his designee.

Rule 10.3: Procedure in Naming Conferees

In the event any County Committee, after having been notified of a Conference for filling of a vacancy pursuant to Rule 10.2 fails to name conferees, the State Chairman is hereby authorized, after consultation with the Chairman of the County Committee, to select an appropriate number of conferees to represent such county at the designated meeting.

Rule 10.4: Vacancies on Ticket for Offices to be Elected by no More Than One County

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Republican ticket in any congressional, senatorial, legislative or judicial district, composed of no more than one county or in any municipality or subdivision thereof, the members of the County Committee representing the district or the portion thereof in which said vacancy occurs shall fill said vacancy unless the rules of the County Committee provide otherwise.

Rule 10.5: Vacancies for State-wide Offices

If a vacancy for any cause shall occur in an elective public office which is voted for by the electors of the state at large, and the Pennsylvania Election Code provides that nominations by political parties are to be made in accordance with party rules, nomination to fill said vacancy shall be made in the same manner as provided for by rule 10.1 to fill vacancies on the Republican ticket.

Rule 10.6: Vacancies for Offices to be Elected by More Than One County but Less Than Statewide

If a vacancy for any cause shall occur in any elective public office in any congressional, senatorial, legislative or judicial district composed of more than one county but less than state-wide, and

the Pennsylvania Election Code provides that nominations by political parties are to be made in accordance with party rules, nomination to fill said vacancy shall be made in the same manner as provided for by Rule 10.2 to fill vacancies on the Republican ticket.

Rule 10.7: Vacancies for Office to be Elected by No More Than One County

If a vacancy for any cause shall occur in an elective public office in any congressional, senatorial, legislative or judicial district composed of no more than one county, and the Pennsylvania Election Code provides that nominations by political parties are to be made in accordance with party rules, nomination to fill said vacancy shall be made in the same manner as provided in Rule 10.4 to fill vacancies on the Republican ticket.

REMOVAL

Rule 11.1: Grounds and Procedures for Removal

Whenever it shall appear that any member of State Committee, Leadership Committee or delegate or alternate delegate to a Republican National Convention is charged with not being a qualified Republican elector, or opposes or is about to oppose the Republican Party or any of its candidates, or who neglects or refuses to attend the duties of office, the State Chairman shall appoint a committee of three (3) qualified Republican electors to investigate such charges. The committee shall notify the person so charged of the time and place of hearing, and if upon investigation it finds such charges to be true and correct, it shall so report in writing to the State Chairman, who, in the case of a member of the National Committee or delegate or alternate delegate to a National Convention, shall notify the National Committee. In the case of a member of State Committee, the State Chairman shall declare the office vacant and notify the Chairman of the County Committee wherein said member resides of said vacancy. In the case of a member of the Leadership Committee the State Chairman shall declare the office vacant and appoint another qualified elector to fill the unexpired term.

Rule 11.2: Removal of Officers

The elected officers of the State Committee may only be removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of the Republican State Committee Membership or their proxies present and voting, provided that notice of proposed action has been given in the written notice of the meeting.

AMENDMENTS

Rule 12.1: Procedure

The foregoing rules may be amended from time to time by a two-thirds vote of the members of State Committee or their proxies present and voting at any meeting of State Committee provided that notice of the proposed amendment to said rules has been given in the written notice of the meeting.

Rule 12.2: Suspension of Rules

These rules may be suspended at or during any meeting of State Committee by the affirmative vote of three-fourth of the members of State Committee or their proxies present and voting at any meeting of State Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Rule 13.1: Procedure for Presenting Resolutions

- Any member may propose a resolution for adoption by the State Committee.
- a) The resolution must be signed and dated and be submitted to the State Chairman at least twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled start of a meeting of the State Committee. The State Chairman shall transmit a copy of the resolution to the Resolutions Committee, and to every member of the State Committee before the State Committee meetings.
 - b) Prior to the State Committee meeting the Resolutions Committee shall meet to consider the resolution before reporting it to the floor. For each resolution, the Resolutions Committee shall make either a favorable recommendation, unfavorable recommendation, no recommendation, or a recommendation that no action be taken on the resolution. The Resolution Committee may also suggest amendments to the resolution in its report to the floor.
 - c) Any member who proposes a resolution is entitled to be heard before the Resolutions Committee and the State Committee.

Rule 13.2: Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee is to be composed of members of the State Committee. Each Regional Republican Caucus shall elect twenty (20) percent of its members to serve on the Resolutions Committee. The members of the Resolutions Committee shall elect their own Chairman and Vice Chairman. The State Chairman and Vice Chairman, and the National Committee members, are ex officio members of the Resolutions Committee.